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The Wronged Man of '76

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They Don't Agree.

It is a little singular that Blaine and Logan in their letters of acceptance flatly contradict each other. They are so different in their characters and records, that, notwithstanding the greatest care, they could not make their letters agree. Blaine has no war record. He can't wave the bloody shirt. He sent a substitute to the army, and that substitute was put in jail. Whenever the Republicans begin to talk about the war, Blaine says hush—hush—hush—hush. Now Logan is an old burnt out volcano with the embers of hate and prejudice still glowing in his bosom. He wants the bloody shirt waved high. He wants his party leaders and spokesmen to talk of slavery, of the negro, of the brave boys who wore the blue, and of the rascals in the South. Now here is what the champions of the Republican party say in their letters of acceptance.

BLAINE.
Prejudices have yielded, while a glowing cordiality warms the Southern and the Northern heart alike.

LOGAN.
But the disgraceful fact is, that while the cordiality we are in the enjoyment of the government of the whole people, practically we are in the ante-bellum days of the republic.

Here are two statements directly contradictory. If Blaine has told the truth, Logan has told a lie. If Logan has told the truth, Blaine has told a lie. Will some Republican paper inform us which one is guilty of the falsehood?

The Democratic dark horses for Congress are quite numerous. The man who, in THE COMET, honored the dark horses of the Republican party will hardly be so unfeeling as to slight the Democratic dark horses.

That Sunstroke.

Blaine's magnetism is great. It draws men, it draws money, it draws conventions and it draws bonds. But it was hardly supposed that his magnetism could attract anything outside of this earth. Nobody ever thought that it could have any influence upon heavenly bodies. No one ever dreamed that his magnetism could have any effect upon such a powerful luminary as the sun. Yet it does seem, that on Sunday, the day before he was to meet the committee appointed by Congress to investigate the Mulligan matter, on his way to church his magnetism drew upon him a sunstroke. This same magnetism was sufficiently strong to hold this sunstroke until Congress adjourned, and the investigating committee went home. Wonderful Magnetism is this!

While Blaine's magnetism draws, with one end, the "West and the rosy element," with the other, it repels the leaders and best men in the Republican party.

What the Democrats Will Do?

Men come into our office, every day, wanting to know who will be the nominee of the Democratic party for Congress. We don't know, nor does any man. One of the men, now on the track may be nominated, and one of the dark horses may be the nominee, who can tell? One thing we can tell, however, that the Democrats will not be so foolish as the Republican party and make two nominations. The Democrats of the Districts may feel secure, that there will be harmony in that convention, and that its nominee will be an honest, square man.

Republicans think the primary election will bring about a lovely harmony in the party. Query: "Do Republicans always think right?"

The Election.

The old fellow trudges from his humble cabin in the head of possum "holer" to the polls. He has soldier shoes, and sometimes shoeless soles; he has a "chaw" of long green "tobacker," the size of a common ink stand in his right jaw, and a stream of yellow juice running from each corner of his mouth; through the top of his ancient wool hat stretches a bunch of sun-burnt hair "that waves and nods in the breeze." His old fashioned "flap" breeches are patched every way for Sunday; his shirt collar hangs open in front; the hind pocket of his blue jeans coat swings like the pendulum of a clock as he swings to the right and left. There is a quart bottle, two-thirds full of the "critter" in that pocket, the other third of the "critter" is holding a Republican convention in his "court house." He approaches the old "meetin' house" and sees the bosses pulling and hauling the voters. He hears the hum of busy voices at the polls; he catches a glimpse of the glittering coin as it passes from the hand of a "worker" into the palm of an American citizen behind a cedar tree. He sees a big double-fisted young man empty a half pint bottle, off to the right, behind an old chestnut tree, and as he swallows the "lection liker" hold out his hand and receive the price of that "licker"—a vote. He sees a couple of gaugers walk off to the store arm in arm with a bare-footed "cullud gem-man," and before you can say "Jack Robeson" he sees the old darkey come out of said store strutting in a pair of No. 11's, yelling "fur de Prommed Knight" and de Publican pawty. He sees a "manager" buy a well-dressed, "upper-ten" vote with a ten dollar bill. He sees a crowd of fellows huddled around the candidate, who with rapid gesture and a voice like a cane mill, with face as red as a bent and the sweat rolling down his brow, is proclaiming his policy which is a "free ballot, and a fair count, protective tariff, the American flag, the Republican party and the flag of our Union forever!" The old man gets mad. He yells "hurrah for What's name and Hendricks. I kin whip the dog what would sell his vote!" A whitewashed rebel yells for Blaine. The old man knocks his two front teeth out, jumps up and down and swears he's an Andy Jackson Democrat and that he's the sheep that never was sheared. His boys shed their coats and sung out, "say what you please, pap, by gosh we're here." The fuss begins. The candidates take to the bushes. The old Andy Jackson Democrat and his boys "clean up" the whole concern, vote the straight Democrat ticket and as they start for home, the unshorn sheep remarks: "if any vote seller wants anything more he kin git it. The feller that would sell his vote's a coward. Such things was scarce in the days of old 'Hickory'."

It seems from the article on the outside, by Senex, that the Republican party claims to have waged war upon polygamy for the last twenty years, and during that time the population of Utah has increased over one hundred thousand.

The Figures Prove Otherwise.

The Republicans with the ex-robbed Reid are asserting that Hawkins practiced more economy than Bate, and that the expenses of the Government under his administration were not near so heavy as under the administration of Bate. The editor of the Nashville World by comparing the reports of the Hon. Atha Thomas who is a Democrat, and Hon. James N. Nolan, Hawkins's Comptroller of the State Treasury, has arrived at the truth. We publish below part of the editorial which appeared in the World of the 13th.

The difference in the cost of running the State government under the two administrations is \$49,428.44 in favor of a Democratic government. Then again, during the administration of Hawkins, the State realized only \$83,042.37 out of the penitentiary lease. Of the \$141,000 to which the State was entitled, \$57,957.63 was lost by an unwise and short-sighted policy, on the part of the State officers, in not having the property insured. Nearly sixty thousand dollars was expended in rebuilding and repairing at the State prison after the fire.

The present administration has realized from the prison lease up to July 1st, 1884, the neat little sum of \$121,000, with \$50,500 more to come in, and notwithstanding a fire at the prison in which a considerable amount of property was destroyed, the State has not lost a dollar, owing to the fact that the Board of Inspectors wisely provided for losses by carrying an insurance on the property. The amount of money expended under the Hawkins administration for extra sessions, and lost by the penitentiary fire, was \$107,386.07, or \$27,386.07 more than the present administration appropriated for the establishment of an asylum for the insane in East Tennessee, or nearly \$4,000 more than the legislative expenses of the present administration.

Bate and Reid Will Speak at the Following Places and Times

Monday, Sept. 1—Cleveland.
Tuesday, Sept. 2—Benton.
Wednesday, Sept. 3—Athens.
Thursday, Sept. 4—Sweetwater.
Friday, Sept. 5—London.
Saturday, Sept. 6—Knoxville.
Monday, Sept. 8—Mossey Creek.
Tuesday, Sept. 9—Morristown.
Wednesday, Sept. 10—Rogersville.
Thursday, Sept. 11—Greeneville.
Friday, Sept. 12—Jonesboro.
Saturday, Sept. 13—Blountville.

Cleveland and Hendricks Club.

A number of Democrats assembled in Job's Hall last, Wednesday night for the purpose of organizing a Cleveland and Hendricks Club. The meeting had not been properly announced and there was not as full attendance as would have been under other circumstances. The officers elected are as follows: Isaac Harr, President, Henry Hart, Secretary and L. Wolfe, Treasurer. R. L. Taylor addressed the meeting in a masterly speech of an hour's length. His arraignment of the Republican party was vigorous and fierce. While it was interesting and funny, his speech was solid, substantial and statesmanlike. After the speech the meeting adjourned to convene next Saturday 23, in Hart's Hall. Every Democrat in the town and district is expected to be present. There will be several speeches that night and the names of all wishing to join the club will be taken.

ISAAC HARR, Pres.
HENRY HART, Sec.

"I'll be hanged, if some eternal villain, Some busy and insinuating rogue, To get some office, hath not devised this slander."

SPEAKING.

Hon. A. A. Taylor, candidate for Congress, will address the people at the following times and places: Taylorsville, Thursday Aug. 14. Roan Mountain Depot, Saturday Aug. 16. Jonesboro, Monday Aug. 18. Morristown, Tuesday Aug. 19. Newport, Wednesday Aug. 20. Rutledge, Friday Aug. 22. Tazewell, Saturday Aug. 23. Sneedville, Monday Aug. 25. Kyle's Ford, Tuesday Aug. 26. Rogersville, Wednesday Aug. 27. Bull's Gap, Thursday Aug. 28. Mosheim, Friday Aug. 29. Greeneville, Saturday Aug. 30. Flaggpond Academy, Monday Sept. 1. Erwin, Tuesday Sept. 2. Kendrick's Creek, (Willard's Store) Sept. 4. Arcadia, Friday Sept. 5.

Democratic victories in many Republican counties in the State show which way the wind is blowing.

Democratic Convention.

The Democrats of Carter Co. are requested to meet in convention at Elizabethton, Saturday, Aug. 23, for the purpose of sending delegates to the district convention which will meet at Greeneville, the 25th of this month, to nominate a candidate for Congress, and transact such other business as may come before it.

E. E. HUNTER,
Ch. De. Ex. Co. of Carter Co.
This Aug. 13, 1884.

It seems now, that there is no possible chance for the dark horses. Brownlow is sad, and he sings this mournful song:

"Twas ever thus; from childhood's hour,
I've seen my fondest hopes decay;
I never loved a bird or flower,
That did not fly or fade away.
I never had a little kit,
To put so softly on my lap,
But fortunes maddened followed it,
To kill by cur or school boy zap.
I never had a bit of toast,
Particularly good and wide,
But it fell upon the sandstone floor,
And always on the buttered side."

What does it signify when such loyal Republicans as Henry Ward Beecher, Carl Schurz, George William Curtis, the Harper Brothers, the Presidents of Yale and Harvard College and the editors of the daily Republican papers in New York city, turn away from Blaine, saying that purity and honesty must not be sacrificed to party?

The Enterprise thinks Johnson City is going downhill. You are mistaken. No city with enterprise ever went downhill. Johnson City is in a flat, and if it moves at all, it must go up hill.

The loafer set in a shady place. —Tenn. Pilot.

The Pilot's poet must have learned his grammar from Logan's letter of acceptance.

The Blaine organs are making a great clamor for Cleveland's letter of acceptance. Cleveland is in a great hurry.

Cleveland has gone off to the woods. —Pilot.

Cleveland never went home with a sunstroke.

Carl Schurz's powerful speech at Brooklyn has alarmed the Republican camp.

James G. Blaine has the itching palm.

While passing down the street, we caught the following sentence accidentally. A Republican brother was talking to another man of the same stripe. He said: "If the primary election does not make my man the nominee, I'll be hanged if I don't vote the Democratic ticket the rest of my days."

We can very easily afford to buy the paper and send one man THE COMET a year and wait 'till the end of that year for the money. But to buy the paper and send THE COMET to one thousand men and wait 'till the end of the year for the money is more than a poor editor can do.

Another Defence of Cleveland.

The Independent Republicans of Buffalo Investigate and Report.

The following address was published yesterday morning in the Buffalo Courier.

To the Independent Republicans of the Nation:
As Republicans and Independents residing in Buffalo, and having peculiar means of knowledge, we have been called upon, by private letters and otherwise, for information in regard to the scandals which have been put in circulation respecting Gov. Cleveland's private life. We have felt it to be a duty imposed on us by circumstances to examine these stories in detail and to make a formal statement of the results. No such examination would have been necessary to satisfy ourselves, but it was due to those who have read the charges against Gov. Cleveland without knowing personally his general character and reputation in this community, and without knowing either the position or the means of information of those who have made the charges, that we should not put forth a more formal statement without a previous investigation. We have, therefore, through a committee appointed from our number for that purpose, carefully and deliberately made such an investigation, and we have taken every available means to ascertain the precise facts in each case.

The general charges of drunkenness and gross immorality which are made against Gov. Cleveland are absolutely false. His reputation for morality has always been good. There is no foundation for any statement to the contrary. He was sought out and nominated for the Mayoralty against his will, and was supported for that position by the larger portion of the educated, intelligent, and moral citizens of Buffalo, without regard to politics, on purely personal grounds. After he had gone through this contest he was again put forward as one of the most distinguished citizens of Buffalo as a candidate for the Governorship, and again received the support of the same class of his fellow citizens. In this community, where he had lived for twenty-nine years, and where his life was known and his character understood, this support would not have been given to him had he been either a drunkard or a libertine. We are able to speak from personal knowledge as his acquaintances of long standing, and to say that his general private life has been that of a quiet, orderly, self-respecting, and always highly respected citizen. Since he assumed his present office his visits to Buffalo have been few and of short duration. It is susceptible of absolute proof, and has been proved to us, that upon no one of these visits has anything occurred to justify the statements which have been made by his detractors. The charge that he has recently taken part in a drunken and licentious debauch in Buffalo on the occasion of such a visit is entirely false.

We have been particularly careful and thorough in our investigations of the alleged betrayal, abduction, and inhuman treatment of a woman in this city, as detailed in a local newspaper. The circumstances out of which this story is fabricated occurred eight years ago. The woman in question was at that time a widow, between 30 and 40 years of age, with two children the younger of whom was ten years old. The facts of the case show that she was not seduced, and the allegations respecting her abduction and ill treatment are wholly false. We deem these the only features of the charge in connection with this matter which constitute a public question requiring any declaration on our part. Our examination of the other charges which have been made against Gov. Cleveland's private character shows that they are wholly untrue. In every instance in which the reports and insinuations have been tangible enough to furnish a clue to guide us in our investigation they have been positively proved to be false.

The attack upon Gov. Cleveland's character is thoroughly discredited when we consider the source from which it comes. It was first publicly made in Buffalo by a newspaper of no standing whatever. We have twice called upon the editors of this paper and asked him to produce his proofs, the names, dates, and other particulars which he had publicly stated he was at liberty to show. He declines to do so or to facilitate investigation into the truth of either his own charges or those contained in the anonymous letter which he published. He admitted that he had no evidence to support any accusation against Gov. Cleveland, except in the one instance to which we have particularly referred. He rested his case on that story, and as that story he is contradicted by the witnesses having personal knowledge. The two clergymen, whose profession has been invoked to give weight to these charges, have no personal knowledge of the facts, and, under the circumstances, could not possibly have such knowledge. They have ventured to state as facts known to themselves stories which rest upon the merest hearsay, and which, when traced to their alleged sources, are in every case denied by the persons to whom they are ascribed.

We have designed to make a candid and judicial statement of the results of our investigation of this matter; without partisan coloring. We have not thought it necessary or proper to re-

peat the charges against Gov. Cleveland in detail, nor to present in full the evidence by which they have been disproved.

John H. Cowing, Ansley Wilcox, William F. Kip, Thomas Cary, George P. Sawyer, Ralph Stone, John E. Ransom, Henry W. Sprague, Josiah G. Munro, Lawrence D. Ramsey, G. Barrett Rich, Charles F. Norton, John B. Olmsted, J. Tallman Davis, Henry Altman, J. N. Larned.
Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 9.

POLITICAL BRIEVITIES.

Mr. Dana is trying to hug old Ben.

Cleveland is resting quietly in the shade of the mountains.

The Republicans have serious doubts about carrying Ohio.

New York Truth.—There are deep mutterings of rebellion in Tammany Hall.

Ben Butler will take the stamp and advocate his election to the Presidency. Poor old Ben!

Beecher says he is going into this campaign, and work for Cleveland with enthusiastic vigor.

B. F. Jones, chairman of the Republican National Executive Committee, and James G. Blaine are millionaires.

Bate and Reid commence the campaign at Murfreesboro. They will speak at Jonesboro, Sept. 12, and at Blountville, Sept. 13.

Blaine men think it strange that the Presidents of Yale and Harvard Colleges should oppose the Plumed Knight.

The race seems to be about neck and neck between the two parties, but Cleveland has the biggest neck.—Kansas City Times.

Reid will not discuss at length any of the leading issues in the campaign. It will require most of his time to white-wash his record.

Blaine has been invited to spend the summer at Long Branch. He did not accept. He will get enough salt water the 4th. of November.

Carl Schurz: Listen to its [the Republican party's] spokesmen! How they dodge and squirm around that record as something too hot to touch.

Taylor and Pettibone have agreed upon a committee to manage the primary election. It is composed of W. P. Brownlow, W. G. Mathes and S. H. Anderson.

Cleveland invites everybody to examine the facts of the scandal circulated about him. Has Blaine invited any body to examine the Mulligan matter?

Misfortunes are piling thick and fast on the shoulders of Brother Blaine. The latest is the announcement that Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, intends to support him.—Galveston News.

Carl Schurz: Watch them how they use the tariff question as a great fig leaf which they stretch and spread to make it cover and hide the crookedness of their standard bearer!

George William Curtis parts his hair in the middle, and he is quite likely to part the Republican party of New York in the same place.—Chicago Times, Ind.

The dirty scandals gotten up about Governor Cleveland are probably intended to serve in place of a bloody shirt. That is, it is to be a dirty instead of a bloody shirt campaign.—Houston (Tex.) Post.

Carl Schurz: And now after twenty-four years of uninterrupted ascendancy, what has the [Republican] party come to? Look at it, the party of great moral ideas presenting as its leader and representative man whose unclean record it dare not deny and cannot face.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Louisville exposition opens today.

Sankey will sing again in the Auditorium.

The Wall Street bank failed last Monday.

There are twelve thousand French voters in Maine.

A slight earthquake this week shook New York city and other places in the North.

\$10,000 have been expended on Jefferson's tomb near Charlottesville, Virginia.

Drinking well water is supposed to be the cause of every case of typhoid fever in Chattanooga.

A law in Florence forbids the reporting of divorce cases by the papers under a penalty of \$400.

The Prohibitionists of Indiana have determined to put an electoral ticket in the field.

Singheimer & Dentsch, shirt manufacturers in Philadelphia failed, Thursday with liabilities of forty thousand dollars.

Arthur's dinners to friends are rather costly. During the season he gave nine dinners at the cost of \$800.00 a piece.

Several western cities through their Chiefs of Police have inhibited the wearing of Mother Hubbards, on the streets.

Between one hundred and thirty and one hundred and forty fraudulent vouchers have been discovered in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington City.

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